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SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION ON AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

SUMMARY: RESIDENCE RECONSTRUCTION AND LEASE EXTENSION LOOKS VERY IMPROBABLE.

1. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS WE HAVE WORKED TO CLOSE DEAL WITH LANDLORD OF RESIDENCE FOR EXTENSION OF LEASE AND SOME CONSTRUCTION. WE WERE CLOSE TO COMPLETE AGREEMENT WHEN ONE OF LANDLORD/BROTHER (ABDALLAH HILLALI) SUFFERED NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AND ANOTHER BROTHER/LANDLORD, A DOCTOR, MOHAMMAD HILLALI, ACCOMPANIED HIM ABOARD FOR A REST. MOHAMMAD WAS OUR NEGOTIATOR FOR RESIDENCE PROJECT, AND IN HIS ABSENCE THIRD BROTHER IBRAHIM, HAS SAID FLATLY THAT HE AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS IN DEAL -- OVER TEN PERSONS -- DO NOT RPT NOT WANT TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS UNLESS PROPOSED RENT IS DOUBLED.

2. IBRAHIM IS ACTING WITH POWER OF ATTORNEY SIGNED BY ALL SHAREHOLDERS EXCEPT ABDALLAH AND MOHAMMED AND THERE IS SOME HOPE THAT WE COULD GET DEAL BACK ON TRACK WHEN MOHAMMED RETURNS. HOWEVER, HE IS IN UK IN SOME COUNTRY REST HOME WITH ILL BROTHER, AND NOT RPT NOT EXPECTED BACK FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. OUTCOME IS PROBLEMATIC AT BEST, AND I HAVE RELUCTANTLY DECIDED, DESPITE EFFORT INVESTED TO DATE, THAT FUNDS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR SHOULD BE RELEASED.

3. IN FACT, I BELIEVE THAT WHAT WE ARE FACING IS HIGH PROBABILITY
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THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE USE OF US EMBASSY COMPOUND AT END OF THREE

YEARS NOW LEFT IN LEASE EXCEPT FOR PAYMENT RENT WHICH MAKES IT
REASONABLE AND EVEN ADVANTAGEOUS TO ACQUIRE OUR OWN LAND ELSEWHERE
IN SANAA AND BUILD.

4. FOR AMBASSADOR SCOTES: NEED TO KNOW YOUR PERSONAL WISHES THIS
MATTER. REGRET THIS UNEXPECTED AND UNWANTED DEVELOPMENT.
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